THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

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WRIT PETITION No.21680 OF 2005

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Dt: 05.10.2005

Between:

D.V.D.Reddy,

.. Petitioner

AND

The Depot Manager,

A.P.S.R.T.C. Karimnagar,

Karimnagar District

.. Respondent

ORDER:

The petitioner is employed as a driver in the Karimnagar-II Depot of A.P.S.R.T.C. On 12.08.2005, he was assigned the duty of driving the bus service from Karimnagar to Bheewandi, with a ticket issuing machine. It was the duty of the petitioner to issue the tickets by operating the machine. He was issued a charge sheet, dated 16.09.2005, alleging that he failed to remit the cash of Rs.34,165/- collected on that service and that he has defrauded the Corporation to a tune of Rs.12,292/-. He was also placed under suspension. The petitioner challenges the order of suspension.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned standing counsel for the respondent.

The petitioner is placed under suspension, pending enquiry into three charges

framed against him. Interference with the orders of suspension pending enquiry is a very rare phenomenon. In the instant case, it cannot be said that the suspension of the petitioner is without any basis. The truth or otherwise of the allegations against the petitioner can be known only after the disciplinary proceedings are concluded. This Court does not find any basis to interfere with the order of suspension, at this stage. The respondent can be directed to expedite the disciplinary proceedings.

Hence, the writ petition is disposed of directing the respondent to conclude the disciplinary proceedings against the petitioner, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

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L.NARASIMHA REDDY,J

Date:05.10.2005

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